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ABSTRACT

Noting that school is an influence stronger than any a 5-year-old child has yet known, this parent guide to preparing children to enter school brings together two understandings: first, an understanding of the child at the time school begins and during the first school year; second, an understanding of school, and what goes on inside the classrooms, gymnasiums, and playgrounds. Chapters in the first section of the book deal with getting ready for school, including a child's development, and how much "school" is necessary before Kindergarten. Chapters in the second section discuss the learning experiences that occur in school in the areas of language and literature, science and nature, number concepts, music, and physical education. This section also discusses the concept of integrated curriculum, and mainstreaming of children with disabilities. Chapters in the third section deal with parent involvement, and cover play, habits, and health, and a parent's relationship with the child's teacher. Lists of suggested readings for the child and for the parent conclude the book. (HTH)

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